

Hans-Georg Klein
Serial No.: 10/621,915
Amdt. dated September 12, 2005
Reply to Office Action of 05/11/05

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 21, as set forth in the following listing of the claims.

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (currently amended) Process for producing a breathable roofing underlayment comprising a sheetlike carrier (1), for example a base nonwoven, rendered airstream- and watertight yet water vapour pervious by a membrane (2) applied to the carrier (1), wherein the membrane is a hotmelt adhesive film (2) applied hot directly to the carrier (1), comprising the steps of

applying continuously to a carrier structure, for example a base nonwoven (1), a membrane (2), wherein the carrier (1) has directly applied thereto a slot-extruded film (2) of a hotmelt adhesive having a density of less than approximately 20 grams per square meter; and wherein the hotmelt adhesive film comprises EVA (Ethylvinylacetate), PA (Polyamide), PVAL (Polyvinylalcohol), or PUR (Polyurethane), and

the carrier comprises PP (Polypropylene), PET (Polyester), or PE Polyethylene).

22. (previously presented) Process
according to claim 21, further comprising the step of passing the carrier (1) and the film (2) through a nip of rolls (6, 7).

23. (previously presented) Process
according to claim 22, further comprising the step of pressing the film (2) by pressure of the nip into voids (3) in the carrier (1).

24. (previously presented) Process
according to claim 22, further comprising the step of providing an embossing structure to either one or both of the rolls (6, 7).

25. (previously presented) Process
according to claim 22, further comprising the step of passing into the nip a top nonwoven (4) and a reinforcing grid (8) as well as the film (2) and the carrier (1).